

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and entry of claim amendments are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 38-66 were pending prior to the Final Office Action. Claims 38 and 49-51 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 39-48 and 52-66 are pending.

In this Amendment, issues are considerably simplified through the cancellation of claims 38 and 49-51. Claim 39 is amended merely to address a clerical oversight to thereby more accurately reflect Applicants' intent as shown by observations of other independent claims 38 and 49-51. In addition, no issues have been raised regarding the particular amended element. Claims 47, 48 and 54 are amended merely to correct dependencies necessitated by cancellation of claims 38 and 49-51. Therefore, the amendment raises no new issues. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment into the record.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee is attached hereto.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
U.S. Application No. 10/594,122

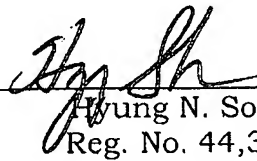
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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